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Prepare for Heavy Rainfall; Flash Flood Watch in Effect Sunday through Monday

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office issued a **flash flood watch** in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from Sunday morning through Monday afternoon. Flash flooding caused by excessive rainfall is possible.

Heavy showers and thunderstorms associated with a tropical disturbance are expected. Rainfall amounts between 3 and 5 inches, with locally heavier amounts in excess of 8 inches, is possible through late Monday afternoon. Excessive runoff may result in flooding of rivers, creeks, streams, and other low-lying and flood-prone locations.

Residents and visitors, especially those living in flood-prone areas, are advised to take the following precautionary actions:

- Clear drainage areas and unblock clogged storm drains in your area;
- Stay up to date with the latest information;
- If driving, be alert for low visibilities and slippery roads in heavy rain;
- Slow down where water is ponding on the road;
- Turn Around, Don't Drown. Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away;
- Do not camp, park, or hike along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to prepare for heavy rainfall the next few days. Practice caution while traveling in heavy rain, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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